



2014 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE
CANADA ROOM, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE
April 7, 2014

MINUTES

Attendance:

<p>Members Present:</p> <p>Regional Councillor Gord Landon, Chair Councillor Logan Kanapathi, Vice-Chair Mayor Frank Scarpitti (ex-officio) Deputy Mayor Heath (ex-officio) Regional Councillor Jim Jones Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Colin Campbell Councillor Don Hamilton Councillor Alan Ho Councillor Howard Shore</p> <p>Guests:</p> <p>Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Alex Chiu Councillor Carolina Moretti</p>	<p>Staff Present:</p> <p>Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services Joel Lustig, Treasurer Paul Ingham, Director of Operations Andrea Tang, Manager of Financial Planning Lori Wells, Community Manager, East Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Budget Sub-Committee convened at 3:48 p.m. with Regional Councillor Gordon Landon presiding as Chair.

1. 2014 Celebrate Markham Grants Presentation

Joel Lustig, Treasurer provided a presentation on the “2014 Celebrate Markham Grants” and reviewed the proposed 2014 grant allocations, attached as Appendix A. A staff report will be brought forward to the April 28th, 2014 General Committee outlining a new proposed methodology of the funding allocation for 2015 Celebrate Markham Grant and future years.

Feedback on the Celebrate Markham Grants Program

The Committee provided the following feedback on the Celebrate Markham Grants Program:

- Consider increasing the amount of funds allocated to the Celebrate Markham Grants Program to reflect population growth;
- Investigate whether City events like the Seniors Hall of Fame Awards should receive funds through the Celebrate Markham Grants Program;

Staff advised that the report will also address feedback and comments from today's Budget Sub-Committee meeting.

Questions on the Celebrate Markham Grants Program

A Member questioned why the Unionville Home Society does not receive funds through the Celebrate Markham Grants Program. It was advised that the Unionville Home Society receives an annual grant of \$25,000. This grant is provided under the Elder Persons Centres Act, and has been in place since 1980. The funds are matched by the province.

A Member requested staff to report back on the following matters at the April 8, 2014 Council meeting: (1) whether the Unity Festival was held in 2013; and (2) whether the Unity Festival will be held in 2014.

It was questioned if the City conducts an audit of the Celebrate Markham Grants provided to ensure that all funds being allocated are spent. Staff advised that one event per year is audited.

It was raised that the Doors Open Markham had surplus funds in the past. Staff responded that surplus funds from Doors Open Markham were incorporated as part of the City's year end results of operations.

A Member asked if the grant to Doors Open Markham could be reduced as the event incurred a surplus in the past. It was advised that based on feedback from staff, the full grant amount is still required for the event undertaking.

A Member advised that the 2014 Remington Markham International Sedan Chair Challenge will take place in August this year. Staff will update Appendix A to reflect this.

Moved Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the following 2014 Celebrate Markham Grants be approved:

Event Description	2014 Allocation
Senior's Hall of Fame	2,000
South Asian Heritage Celebration	3,000
Markham Village Music Festival	10,000
Markham Federation of Filipino Canadians	2,500
Unionville Festival	10,000
Taste of Asia Festival	15,000
Canada Day Celebrations	44,775

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Markham Rotary Ribfest	5,500
Night-it-up	5,000
Thursday Night Summer Music Series - Unionville Bandstand	2,500
Doors Open Markham	9,500
Markham Concert Band	4,500
Markham Jazz Festival	10,000
RBC Markham Milliken Children's Festival	13,250
Remington Markham International Sedan Chair Challenge	1,500
Thornhill Village Festival	10,000
Senior's Extravaganza	1,200
Markham Santa Claus Parade	16,500
Unionville Old Tyme Christmas Parade	6,500
Tourism Markham	5,000
Senior Advisory Committee	2,848
Unity Festival (Previously the Festival of Lights)	5,000
Seniors Clubs	20,650

CARRIED

The Budget Sub-Committee requested that the minutes from this meeting be brought directly to the April 8, 2014 Council meeting.

2. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Alex Chiu

That the Budget Sub-Committee adjourn at 4:09 p.m.

CARRIED